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ABSTRACT

This report begins with the governor's designation of the North Dakota State Library as the official state agency responsible for the state's participation in the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services, describes budgetary problems encountered by the library in planning for state activities, and lists the 12 members of the planning committee. Committee planning for regional meetings is also described, including the selection of 16 towns and 1 Native American reservation as sites for these meetings. Information is then provided on planning for the state conference, the conference issues and resolutions, the selection of national delegates, conference evaluation method, and the budget for the conference. Concluding the report are the names of the official delegates and alternates chosen to represent North Dakota at the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS), and a list of the 30 recommendations adopted by the conference delegates. It is noted that the format of the state conference was designed to address the three national themes of literacy, productivity, and democracy as well as the four topics identified from discussions at the regional meetings: equal access, productivity through marketing, literacy, and preservation and access to public information. (MAB)

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"Information: Gateway to our Future"

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Report on the 1990 North Dakota
Governor's Conference on
Library and Information Services

March, 1991

North Dakota State Library
Patricia L. Harris, State Librarian

1. STATE PLANNING

In September, 1989, Governor George A. Sinner designated the North Dakota State Library as the official North Dakota State agency responsible for the State's participation in the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. In late October the Governor gave his approval to conduct a statewide conference under the sponsorship of the Governor's Office as the State's pre-White House Conference activity.

The North Dakota State Library is on a fiscal two year budget beginning July 1, 1989 and ending June 30, 1991. At the time the 1989-1991 budget document was submitted (July 1, 1988), there was no authorization for the White House Conference (WHC) so no State funding could be requested. It was the intention of the State Library to request a special authorization during the 1989 legislative session seeking State funding to support the State's White House Conference activities. The timing however, could not have been worse.

In August, 1988, the Governor mandated an across the board reduction for all State agencies. This budget cut created a deficiency situation for the State Library by reducing the State funds necessary for maintenance of effort for the Library Services and Construction Act grants. This necessitated the State Library requesting a separate budget bill for a "deficiency payment" to bring the general fund dollar amount to the level needed for maintenance of effort.

This action precluded any additional requests for increased general funding to the budget. Another key factor which precluded any requests for additional general funds was the fact that at the time, no Federal funds had been authorized. As stated above, the timing could not have been worse for the State of North Dakota.

North Dakota State Planning Committee

In November, 1989, State Librarian Patricia L. Harris appointed a North Dakota White House Conference on Library and Information Planning Committee. Twelve individuals were invited to participate in the planning committee. Members and their representation are as follows:

Gerald G. Newborg (Special) Chair
State Archivist
State Historical Society Of North Dakota
Bismarck

Dennis Page (Public) Vice-Chair
Director
Grand Forks Public Library

Marie O. Brown (Handicapped)
Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped, Bismarck

Joe Linnertz
Director of Administrative Services
ND Department of Public Instruction
Bismarck

Dorothea West (Schools)
Librarian
Fargo Public Schools

Dolores Vyzralek
President
ND Library Association
Bismarck

Judy Riggenberg (Institutional)
ND State Industrial School
Mandan

Kyle Patterson Cross (Native American)
Academic Dean
Ft. Berthold Community College
New Town

Celeste Kubasta (State Government)
ND Office of Management and Budget
Bismarck

Betty Karaim (Academic)
Director
Mayville State University

Carol Seigert
Governor's Office

Patricia L. Harris
State Librarian

State Library Staff:

Mike Jaugstetter, ND-WHC Coordinator
Sue Clark, Assistant Coordinator
Cindy Larson, Business Manager and Fiscal Officer

The charge given to the committee was: To identify issues and priorities of the citizens of North Dakota regarding the accessibility, quality, funding, and delivery of library and information services in North Dakota, focusing on the role of the library in economic development, literacy, and democracy and convey such findings and recommendations to the Governor of North Dakota, members of the North Dakota State Legislature, the library community, North Dakota citizens, and to the National White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

North Dakota WHC Activities Staff:

Due to budget reductions the State Library was not in the position to hire a coordinator for the WHC activities. In reviewing budget costs for a planning committee, a statewide conference and other incidetals, priority for the NCLIS funds were placed on the planning committee and the State Conference. Therefore, State Library staff were assigned to coordinate the conference. Mr. Mike Jaugstetter, Public Library Consultant and LSCA Coordinator was appointed as Conference Coordinator; Ms. Sue Clark, Library Development Technician and Continuing Education Coordinator, was appointed as Assistant Coordinator and served as secretary to the Planning Committee. Additional staff who worked with the committee include Ms. Cynthia C. Larson, Business Manager and Fiscal Officer; Ms. Debra Weller, clerk-typist; and Patricia L. Harris, State Librarian. Other State Library staff worked on the WHC acitvities on an as needed basis.

The committee held its introductory and organizational meeting in Bismarck, January 15-16, 1990. The first meeting was to have been held in December. However, the State Librarian cancelled the meeting due to a mandated 8.5% budget cut to all State agencies. This budget cut was brought on by the voters' December 5th defeat of the tax increases passed by the 1989 Legislature. The budget reduction recommendations were due to the Governor before the Christmas holiday, therefore, the postponment until January.

The committee members were presented an overview of the WHCLIS history and process. Those members participating in the 1978 North Dakota Governor's Conference and the 1979 WHC gave background information and reviewed the State's Governor's Conference resolutions and any action occuring over the past eleven years.

The committee set future dates, planning to meet monthly and discussed how they would identify the key issues at the local level and then how these issues would be incorporated into the State Conference. Initial discussion for the process included: 1) the need for local (regional) meetings planned so that concerns and issues from the local level generated the discussions at the State Conference; 2) the use of structured material such as a program kit at each local meeting; 3) the use of a survey to collect local input; 4) Meetings need to be held geographically throughout the State representing both the large city and rural areas; 5) key people across the State needed to be identified to become involved in the process; 6) use of a local person to facilitate local meetings and get local persons involved was essential; 7) regional meetings would have to be held in May and early June for results to be used in the final planning of the State Conference; 8) individual meetings could be sponsored by interested groups that would like to sponsor a local meeting in addition to the regional meetings.

2. REGIONAL MEETING PLANNING

From initial meetings, Planning Committee members agreed that the State Conference process should be a grassroots process in which concerns from the citizens of the State would form the basis of discussion at the conference. In planning regional meeting sites and programs, therefore, care was given to ensure that no one area of the State was overrepresented nor any specific issue offered for discussion. The committee adopted a Statement of Philosophy which was distributed to all regional meeting attenders which read:

"Citizen input is essential to the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. So that this input may come from the citizen without pressure, influence, or preconceived ideas, the Planning Committee wishes to conduct all regional meetings and the state conference in an open and democratic environment. The Planning Committee will adopt rules to assure a fair and open process so that any individual or group can express ideas, concerns, or suggestions and so that any one group will not unduly influence the proceedings. All conference participants will have an equal opportunity to present their views in accordance with rules adopted by the Planning Committee. Position papers will be accepted from citizens and groups representing special interests in accordance with

rules adopted by the Planning Committee. A special interest may include an individual or a group representing users, library and information services professionals, governing or support groups, or any other area with an interest in library and information services."

The committee selected sixteen sites located in all sizes communitites and one Native American Reservation. The sites were (see map Regional Meetings Attachments) :

SITE	POPULATION (1980)
Bismarck	44,485
Bottineau	2,829
Bowman	2,071
Carrington	2,641
Cavalier	1,505
Crosby	1,469
Devils Lake	7,442
Dickinson	15,924
Edgeley	843
Fargo	61,383
Grand Forks	43,765
Hazen	3,352
Minot	32,843
New Town	1,335
Wahpeton	9,064
Williston	13,336

In order to prevent the appearance that the regional meetings were an event that was imposed on a local community from the outside, Planning Committee members recruited local citizens to facilitate the regional meetings and act as a clearinghouse for WHC activities. Local facilitators were provided with a pre-packaged program developed by the planning committee containing:

1) Sample press release both for print and broadcast

2) List of media in their area

3) Governor's Conference Philosophy Statement

4) Introductory materials on the WHC process and themes. This introduction was to be prepared as a "canned" speech or as background for the facilitators personal introduction.

5) A sample statement with which to open discussion

6) Sample discussion questions

7) Forms provided included:

Delegate and Alternate Agreement Forms

Delegate and ALternate Vita Forms

Facilitator/Recorder Report Forms

8) Sample post-meeting press release

(see Regional Meetings Attachments Section)

It was stressed to the local facilitators that the package was for guidance only and that they could amend the format to suit local conditions. Each local meeting was attended by a Planning Committee member and/or State Library staff person. These persons, unless otherwise arranged by the local facilitators acted as recorders for the meetings.

Regional Meeting Public Relations:

In addition to press releases provided to meeting facilitators for local release, the State Library prepared promotional materials for a statewide direct mailing (Addendum #3). The mailing featured an announcement of the regional meetings and letters of support for the process

from the Governor and the President. In April, the mailing was sent to all types of libraries, public library trustees, State Legislators, County and City elected officials, Tribal Councils and other government and civic groups. Local librarians and regional meeting facilitators provided names of significant individuals in their communities for inclusion in the mailing. Approximately five-thousand invitations were mailed.

Participants at the sixteen regional meetings were permitted to elect up to six delegates and four alternates to the State conference. Four of the six delegates and the four alternates had to represent one of the four Nationally mandated groups. The two additional delegates could be from any of the groups. The method of election of delegates and alternates was left up to the participants at each meeting. All meetings allowed volunteers and nominations from the floor. Only in the case of Bismarck's meeting was any formal vote taken due to the number of interested persons. Delegates and alternates filed agreement forms patterned after the Federal requirements as well as biographical information and a statement of their major concerns.

3. STATE CONFERENCE PLANNING

The format of the conference was designed to address the three National themes of Literacy, Productivity and Democracy as well as the four topics identified from the discussions at the regional meetings: Equal Access, Productivity through

Marketing, Literacy, and Preservation and Access to Public Information.

The National themes were addressed by three speakers:

1. Literacy: Toni Cordell, a new adult reader from Oklahoma who recently rollerskated accross the United Sates to raise awareness about the problem of literacy, spoke of her personal illiteracy problem and the changes in her life after its resolution.
2. Productivity: Dave Sobczak, a manager in a successful North Dakota heavy equipment manufacturer, spoke concerning how libraries might improve from a private businessman's point of view.
3. Democracy: State Senator John Olson, Minority Leader of the North Dakota State Senate, spoke on his view of the importance of libraries to an educated citizenry.

Small group discussions were held between major speakers and were designed to allow for a variety of views to be shared. Each topic was held during four time periods and participants were assigned an individual sequence in which to attend the discussions. Each group was, therefore, composed of a different mix of participants to try to encourage maximum contact among attenders.

Group discussions were lead by a facilitator with expertise

or interest in the particular topic and was assisted by a recorder. Discussion facilitators and recorders were provided beforehand with materials concerning discussion topic, objectives, and reporting procedures.

Details concerning Speakers, discussion personnel and discussion outcomes are provided in the Attachments to this report.

4. ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS

Planning Committee members Gerald Newborg, Judy Riggenberg, Betty Karaim, Dennis Page, Dorthea West, Patricia Harris as well as State Library staff Mike Jaugstetter and Sue Clark formed the Resolutions Committee. The committee was charged with synthesizing the issues and concerns recorded in small group discussions, grouping them under the four discussion topics, and formulating draft resolutions for consideration by delegates/alternates.

Draft resolutions were photocopied and distributed to conference attenders before the morning session on Saturday, December 1, 1990. Changes to the resolutions were allowed from the floor, but no new resolutions were admitted for consideration. All attenders could discuss proposed resolutions and suggest amendments. However, only official delegates could vote to accept or reject the resolutions.

Thirty resolutions were passed and two resolutions failed to gain approval. These are provided in the Attachments Section: "Issues and Resolutions."

5. NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION

Before acting on proposed resolutions, Conference delegates/alternates and observers divided into caucuses defined by the Federally mandated groups. Each group was to nominate four of their colleagues to stand for election as national delegate and alternate. All members of each group, regardless of status, were allowed to nominate; but only official delegates were empowered to elect the nominees from their group.

After nominations, all nominees were introduced to the entire conference and a break in the schedule allowed for interaction among participants and nominees. Conference staff, meanwhile, prepared written ballots that were distributed during the following general session.

All official delegates were allowed to vote for one nominee in each category. The nominee with the most number of votes in each category was elected national delegate. The nominee with the next highest vote count became the national alternate. Conference staff collected and tabulated ballots during resolution considerations and the results were announced by the Conference Chair at the end of the general session. A listing of North Dakota's WHC Delegation is

attached to this report.

6. EVALUATION

Conference evaluation was accomplished by a survey of conference attenders and the observation of Planning Committee members and conference staff. Written evaluations are summarized in the "Evaluation" Attachments in this report.

Most verbal and written remarks from conference attenders were very positive. The most frequently recorded constructive criticism was that there needed to be more time for resolution development and that there was not enough public relations or media coverage.

It was unfortunate that it appeared that on several occasions ideas and conversations were limited or avoided due to some individuals dominating groups with a single area of concern. Other participants were also hesitant to disagree with strongly voiced opinion or stand firm in an opinion of their own when faced with opposition based on traditionally phrased "good for the library/public" arguements.

2. Total Budget Outline

a. Income:

		Totals
NCLIS FY 1989 State Allocation.....		$18,000
Other Federal Funds.(e.g., LSCA, Education, In-Kind - specify amounts and sources).....	LSCA Title I	$4,708.47[1]
State Funds.....		
Special Appropriations.....		
In-Kind, (specify amounts and sources).....	Personnel	$101,916[2]
Private Sector Funds.....		$3,025
Foundation Grant(s).....		$500
Other (please specify).....	Conference Observer Registration	$653
TOTAL/INCOME.....		$128,802.47

b. Expenses:

(1) Personnel - Salaries and Benefits	Before Major State Activities	During Major State Activities	After Major State Activities	
Preconference Activities Program Director.	$12,320	2,100	1,050	15,470[3]
Support/Conference Staff (4 person-month).	20,130	6,150	2,230	28,510[4]
Planning Committee (13 person days).....	31,200	7,800	1,950	40,950[5]
Consultants (__person-days).....				
Benefits.....	12,730	3,210	1,046	16,986[6]
TOTAL/PERSONNEL.....	$76,380	19,260	6,276	101,916

	Before Major State Activities	During Major State Activities	After Major State Activities	Totals
(2) Operating Expenses				
Travel and per diem (consultant, speakers, committees, etc.)	$ 1,285.85	-0-	-0-	1,285.85[7]
Rent and utilities	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Communications (telephone, postage, etc.)	1,520	-0-	-0-	1,520 [8]
Printing, reproduction, graphics	4398.04	-0-	136	4534.04[9]
Services (computer, copying equipment, etc.)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies	959.06	-0-	-0-	959.06[10]
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other (please specify)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL/OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 8,162.95	-0-	136	8,298.95
(3) State Activities Program Costs -				
Travel and Per Diem (delegates, staff, committee)	$ -0-	5,256.38	11,054.99	16,311.37
Meeting Rooms and Offices	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Printing, duplicating, graphics	-0-	203	113	316
Audio-visual equipment and services	-0-	35	-0-	35
Communications	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies	-0-	1,734.70	-0-	1,734.70
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Services - e.g., recording services	-0-	175	-0-	175
Other (please specify)	-0-	-0-	15.95	15.95
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TOTAL/ACTIVITIES PROGRAM COSTS	$ -0-	7,404.08	11,183.94	18,588.02
TOTAL/EXPENSES	$ 84,542.95	26,664.08	17,595.94	128,802.97

BUDGET INFORMATION

2.a. Total Budget Outline

1 - "Other Federal Funds" = $4,708.47 LSCA Title I

2 - "In-Kind" See detailed explanation under "Expenses"

2.b. Expenses

3 - In-Kind time of Program Director

Before: 80hrs./mo. @ $14/hr x 11 = $12,320

During: 150hrs. @ $14/hr. = $2,100

After: 75 Hrs. @ $14/hr. = $1,050

4 - Support Conferece Staff
In-Kind Time

State Librarian: Before: 40hrs./mo.
@ $20/hr. x 11 = $8,800

During: 150 hrs. @ $20/hr. = $3,000

After: 50 hrs. @ $20/hr. = $1,000

Library Development Technician:
In-Kind Time

Before: 80 hrs./mo. @ $8/hr. x 11 = $7,040

During: 150 hrs. @ $8/hr. = $1,200

After: 75 hrs. @ $8/hr. = $ 600

Business Manager
In-Kind Time

Before: 10 hrs./mo. @ $15/hr. = $1,650

During: 50 hrs. @ $15/hr. = $750

After: 10 hrs. @ $15/hr. = $150

Clerk
In-Kind Time

Before: 40 hrs./mo. @ $6/hr. x 11 = $2,640

During: 200 hrs. @ $6/hr. = $1,200

After: 80 hrs. @ $6/hr. = $480

(2) Operating Expenses

7 - Travel and Per Diem
NCLIS funds: $1,248.34
LSCA Title I: $37.51

8 - Communications
NCLIS funds: $1,000
LSCA Title I: $520

9 - Printing
NCLIS funds: $2,698.04
LSCA Title I: $1,700

10 - Supplies
NCLIS funds: $959

(3) State Activities Program Costs

11 - Travel and Per Diem (Delegates & Committee)
NCLIS funds: $9,845.81
LSCA Title I: $6,465.56

12 - Printing
NCLIS funds: $294.77
LSCA Title I: $21.23

13 - AV Services
NCLIS funds: $35

14 - Supplies
NCLIS funds: $1,728.03
LSCA Title I: $6.67

15 - Other
NCLIS funds:
Speakers = $175
Refunds = $15.95

This financial report is certified true and correct.

Cynthia C Larson 1-18-91

Cynthia C. Larson, Fiscal Officer
North Dakota State Library

NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

November 29, 30 & December 1, 1990

NATIONAL DELEGATES & ALTERNATE

LIBRARIAN

Delegate: Diane Caley
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Alternate: Nancy Thorndal
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NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES
AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Bismarck, North Dakota

November 29, 30 & December 1, 1990

RESOLUTION No. 1

WHEREAS, There is no representation from the library community on the coordinating committee for the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that access to libraries is crucial in North Dakota, and that meeting the information needs and delivery of such information is equally as important as accessible buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the Governor of North Dakota be encouraged to appoint the North Dakota State Library's consultant for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to the coordinating committee for the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 2

WHEREAS, Access to libraries in the state should be available equally to all citizens, and the North Dakota Library Association's Future Directions Task Force's proposal entitled Expanding Horizons: An Action Plan for North Dakota Library Services addressed this need, the initiation of localized planning for expanded access, promoting resource development and training, and implementing public library service standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services endorse Expanding Horizons with recognition that improved cooperation, networking and staff development will result from enabling legislation.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 3

WHEREAS, There is a need for greater cooperation and networking of North Dakota Libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services support the general concept of the North Dakota Library Association's Task Force report entitled Expanding Horizons: An Action Plan for North Dakota Library Services.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 4

WHEREAS, State studies and reports are necessary for informing and educating citizens so that they may be involved in the democratic decision-making process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Legislative Assembly be encouraged to direct that all reports from such studies be distributed to libraries throughout the state with those libraries being instructed to make these materials available to the public in a timely manner.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 5

WHEREAS, A primary role of libraries is to serve as institutions of continuing education and continuing education is an integral element in encouraging development in North Dakota communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services encourages the Legislative Assembly to recognize the role of libraries in providing continuing education by approving an interim study to investigate a mechanism for establishing minimum standards for library services and for providing support for libraries meeting those standards.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 6

WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities need library personnel able to relate to their needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That library personnel in the state make a more intense effort to educate themselves in dealing with persons with disabilities and how to find materials in the format that they request.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 7

WHEREAS, Literacy empowers individuals and ensures democratic equality for all and that libraries serve to promote citizenship, responsibility, and personal self-improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services urges all levels of decision makers to make library funding a high priority of government.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 8

WHEREAS, Subject access to information on North Dakota is limited and a localized database for North Dakota resources such as periodicals and newspapers can provide necessary access to needed information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That locally developed external databases be developed for North Dakota information.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 9

WHEREAS, The Educational Telecommunications Council addresses the future needs of North Dakota citizens through interactive television and database networks which impact all types of libraries, and there is no representation from the library community on this council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That a bill be introduced in the 1991 legislative Assembly to include a library representative on the Educational Telecommunications Council and that recommendations for this appointment be submitted by the North Dakota Library Association and the Library Media Association of the North Dakota Education Association to the Governor of North Dakota.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 10

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need for training and access to information at an affordable cost in money and travel time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Legislative Assemble appropriate $6 million for the North Dakota Educational Telecommunications Council to continue building the statewide telecommunications/data network and that this funding not be taken from foundation aid or library funding, but be above and beyond those amounts.

Submitted by: Topic One Groups: Access
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 11

WHEREAS, Libraries need to upgrade their public image and become more visible to everyone and that North Dakota citizens and library personnel would benefit from a marketing plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That libraries be encouraged to investigate and use marketing techniques or utilize individuals with expertise in this area and that the North Dakota Library Association promote and provide marketing information and training to library personnel and trustees.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
FAILED

RESOLUTION No. 12

WHEREAS, Libraries need to upgrade their public image and become more visible to everyone and that North Dakota citizens and library personnel would benefit from a marketing plan and the general public needs to be made aware of the rich resources available through North Dakota libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That a statewide media presentation about collections and services be developed and made available to libraries, library patrons, and the media, and that libraries be encouraged to investigate and use marketing techniques or utilize individuals with expertise in the area and that the North Dakota Library Association promote and provide marketing information and training to library personnel and trustees.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 13

WHEREAS, There is a need for a solid infrastructure of education for librarians and library trustees to enable libraries to function better and market services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota State Library undertake a comprehensive educational effort via videotape, workshops, and interactive television toward that effort.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 14

WHEREAS, Public, academic and school libraries are unable to provide late night service to their citizens since the discontinuation of the Fargo Public Library's Library Services and Construction Act supported Red Eye Reference Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the support of a statewide late night reference service be provided and supported through state funds.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
FAILED

RESOLUTION No. 15

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens need to know more about and use the state's libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
Library trustees, patrons and personnel should work closely with their local legislators to promote library services through various networks and marketing.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 16

WHEREAS, Economic success depends upon the effective use of information and easy access to information services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services urges cooperation among the public libraries of North Dakota to implement the use of a statewide reciprocal library card by 1993.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 17

WHEREAS, The school library media minimum cost per pupil is too low, and that the minutes of certified library service needs to be increased to a full-time certified person as a minimum for all North Dakota schools, and that the weeding of outdated library media materials is not mandated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction employ a certified school library media consultant to oversee library media standards in North Dakota schools.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 18

WHEREAS, North Dakota decision-makers need data on literacy in North Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That research on literacy competence of North Dakota's population be conducted and results disseminated to said decision-makers, such as county commissioners, state legislators, educational administrators, and governmental agencies; that a definition of functional literacy be developed and accepted; and that the public library system become the information and research dissemination center.

Submitted by: Topic Three Groups: Literacy
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 19

WHEREAS, Adult illiteracy is a community problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the library staff serve as a resource to communities by working with existing agencies and volunteers and by offering space and resources to address the issue of illiteracy.

Submitted by: Topic Three Groups: Literacy
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 20

WHEREAS, There is a need in the state to recognize and accept that there is a literacy problem in North Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That libraries work with schools, senior citizen groups, and local mayor's committees for the employment of people with disabilities, to establish the necessary measures which will address the North Dakota literacy issue.

Submitted by: Topic Three Groups: Literacy
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 21

WHEREAS, Libraries provide access to information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That libraries act as sources of information and referral of services relative to the subject of literacy.

Submitted by: Topic Three Groups: Literacy
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 22

WHEREAS, Censorship is a threat to a democratic society's access to information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That censorship be resisted through the adoption of policies by school boards and library boards which encompass selection and reconsideration procedures. These policies should be made available to all patrons.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 23

WHEREAS, It is our belief that information should be accessible to all North Dakota citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That technology be utilized so that information is made available to all residents of the State of North Dakota.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 24

WHEREAS, There is a danger of losing documentation of our North Dakota Heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services shall encourage legislative support for the continuing preservation efforts of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 25

WHEREAS, There is currently no statewide plan for preserving unique and rare materials presently available in North Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the North Dakota Library Association appoint a committee to develop and promote policies for preserving these materials.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 26

WHEREAS, Records, documents and photographs relating to local history will be of immeasurable value in the future and may be lost as present subdivisions change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the State Historical Society of North Dakota explore avenues to insure adequate preservation of these materials.

Submitted by: Topic Four Groups: Democracy/Record Preservation
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 27

WHEREAS, There is an increasing demand for library services, and that since its passage by the 1979 Legislative Assembly, the State Aid to Public Libraries formula has not been fully funded, and that adequate delivery of library services to the citizens of North Dakota requires increased funding at the state level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the 1991 Legislative Assembly fully fund the State Aid to Public Libraries formula.

Submitted by: Library Trustee/Friends
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 28

WHEREAS, Federal Library Services and Construction Act funding is used to support forty percent (40%) of the North Dakota State Library's operating budget, making them unavailable for grant programs to other North Dakota libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the 1991 Legislative Assembly fund the total operating budget of the North Dakota State Library with state general funds and release the federal funds for grants to other North Dakota libraries.

Submitted by: Library Trustee/Friends
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 29

WHEREAS, The North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services has benefitted greatly from the generous support and assistance of businesses, professional organizations, staff, and volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the Conference Planning Committee extend the appreciation of delegates and attendees to the businesses, organizations, and individuals responsible for the success of the 1990 Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services.

Submitted by: Governor's Conference Planning Committee
PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 30

WHEREAS, Federal funds are no longer available for the funding of the Red-Eye Reference Service, formerly provided by the Fargo Public Library, and since this service was heavily used throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
That the Red-Eye Reference Project be reinstituted and supported through state funds.

Submitted by: Topic Two Groups: Public Relations
PASSED